

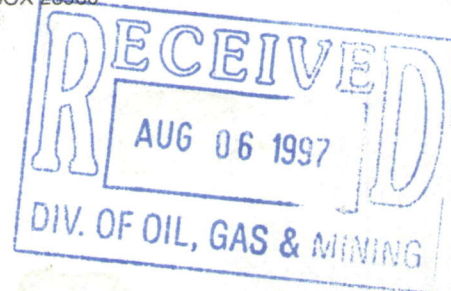
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Re: Small Mining – Grouse Creek Area

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a filled out Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations. Ash Grove will soon be granted the opportunity to purchase clay from the BLM property described in the application. The following attachments are included as supporting documents:

1. A regional map showing the location of the proposed clay mine.
2. A 7.5' quadrangle map, Lucin NW, Utah, which shows the location of the proposed clay mine.
3. The Notice of Location (Association Placer Mining Claim) for Gold'n Nichols #4 which is the mining claim that covers the area of the proposed clay extraction. Ash Grove Cement Company is the owner of the claim.
4. A copy of a letter to Maggie Wyatt outlining an operation plan for mining the clay.

A cultural study determined the existence of Ferruginous Hawks that nest close to the mine site. Because of the nesting habits of the hawks, we will wait until after July 15 each year to mine the clay.

Please call if you need additional information.

Yours truly,



PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION